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SUBJ: DEFENSE MINISTER ON TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS TO CAMBODIA

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

DEFENSE MINISTER PRAMAN ADIREKSAN'HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE
MARCH 31. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS
REMARKS ON THE TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS TO CAMBODIA.

REPORTER: IT IS SAID THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAS
NOT PASSED ANY RESOLUTION YET IN REGARD TO THE TRANSPORTATION
OF WEAPONS, THEREFORE IT IS STILL BEING CARRIED ON.

PRAMAN: EH* I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT YET. I AM SORRY, BUT
SINCE IT IS LESS THAN 2 WEEKS SINCE I TOOK UP MY DUTIES IN
THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT THERE MIGHT BE SOME MATTERS ON WHICH
I DO NOT KNOW DETAILS YET. PLEASE GIVE ME TIME TO MAKE CONTACT
AGAIN.

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REPORTER: WILL YOU ORDER A STOP TO BE MADE OF TRANSPORTATION
OF WEAPONS BY THE ETO?

PRAMAN: WE HAVE STATED ALREADY THAT IN PRINCIPLE IT IS OUR
POLICY NOT TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANYBODY.
BUT IN REGARD TO GOODS WHICH ARE THEIR PROPERTY, WE MIGHT
NOT BE ABLE TO IMPOSE A BAN. THIS IS WHY I HAVE SAID THAT
I MUST STUDY THE MATTER MORE THOROUGHLY.

REPORTER: COULD THEY BE WEAPONS WHICH BELONG TO CAMBODIA
ITSELF?

PRAMAN: YES. THEY MIGHT BELONG TO IT, OR SOMETHING LIKE
THAT. I MUST CHECK UP ON THE MATTER AGAIN.

REPORTER: AFTER READING NEWSPAPERS YESTERDAY, THE PRIME
MINISTER SENT FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE AND HE SAID HE WISHES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION
OF WEAPONS TO BE COMPLETELY ENDED. HAS ANY ORDER BEEN
RECEIVED BY THE DEFENSE MINISTRY YET?

PRAMAN: NOT YET. WHEN I MEET HIM I WILL ASK HIM.
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